

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Languages: English – fully bi-lingual
Swedish – native tongue
German – conversational
French - conversational

QUALIFICATIONS

2007 Tertiary Teaching Course, Murdoch University, Perth, Western
Australia

2007 Bachelor of Arts, Politics and International Studies, Murdoch University,
Perth, Western Australia

2006 PhD Journalism, Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia

2003 MA Journalism, Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia

1997 Immigration and Intercultural Relations, University of Karlstad, Sweden

1990 University Certificate in Journalism, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2010-- Senior Lecturer Journalism, Monash University
- 2009--2010 Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University
- 2007-- Program Chair Journalism, Murdoch University
- 2006-- Lecturer B, Journalism, Murdoch University
- 2006 Senior Political Reporter, Swedish Broadcasting Corporation (on contract for two month to produce radio documentaries for election broadcasts leading up to the general election)
- 2004 Tutor Murdoch University
- 2001.2003 Lecturer B, Media Studies, Murdoch University
- 2000-- Freelance Reporter, Radio National, ABC
- 2000 Radio Presenter, Drive Show, Swedish Public Radio, (relief presenting, June)
- 1999 – 2000 Tutor Introduction to Radio, Murdoch University
- 1999 Presenter, Drive Show, Swedish Public Radio, (relief presenting, June)
- 1998-- Freelance Reporter in Australia for Swedish media
- 1998 News and Current Affairs Director at Sveriges Radio Varmland (a regional radio station, part of the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation)
- 1996-97 Radio Presenter, Drive show, Sveriges Radio Varmland
- 1995 Freelance reporter in Australia for Swedish media
- 1995 Correspondent in Norway for, National Swedish TV News (The Swedish Public Service TV broadcaster)
- 1994 Freelance in Australia for Swedish media
- 1993 News reporter, National Swedish TV News
- 1992-93 Press and Information Officer with the United Nations in Lebanon and Jerusalem, Israel

The position included liaison with Lebanese and Swedish media. I was also part of a negotiation team liaising with the Israeli Defence Force and the Islamic resistance group Hezbollah

1990-92 Reporter and newsreader at Sveriges Radio Varmland.
Coordinator of regional coverage of the Swedish general election
1991

1989 Sports reporter, *Nya Lidkopings Tidningen*, a regional Swedish newspaper

1987 Chief of Guards (Platoon Leader), Camp Victoria, Swedish United Nations Contingent in Cyprus

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Refereed Publications

Books

The International Freedom of Information Index – the Promise and Practice of FOI Laws, 2009, VDM Verlag (Germany). ISBN: 978-3-639-12034-9

Book Chapters

'Freedom of Information Banana Republics and the Freedom of Information Index', *Right to Information*, ICFA (International Chartered Financial Analysts of India) Publications, 2007, ISBN: 81-314-1328-4

Journal Articles

'The International Freedom of Information Index – a Watchdog of Transparency in Practice', *Nordicom Review*, 20, 2009, 1, pp 167-182.
Available: www.nordicom.gu.se/common/publ_pdf/279_lidberg.pdf

'The International Freedom of Information Index – Tracking the Promise and Practice of FOI', *Political Communication Studies and the Institute for Democracy* (Sweden), Report no 22, 2009. Available:
<http://www.miun.se/DEMICOM/Publikationer/Demicoms-rapportserie/>

'Freedom of Information Resisted', *Journal of the Association of Former Members of the Parliament of Australia*, December 2006.

'The Freedom of Information Index – a world first', *New Community Quarterly*, Vol 4, No 3, 2006

'The Freedom of Information Index: measuring the gap between the promise and practice of information legislation', co-authored with Gail Phillips and Stephen Tanner

Freedom of Information Review, No 108, December 2003.

'Freedom of Information and Journalistic Content in Western Australia and Sweden', co-authored with Alec McHoul, *UTS Law Review*, 2003.

'Freedom of Information as a journalistic tool - a comparative study between Western Australia and Sweden' *Freedom of Information Review*, Number 95, October 2001.

Conference Papers

Refereed

'Beyond the Freedom of Information Index – an audit of FOI reform', International Association Media and Communication Research, IAMCR, Stockholm, July 25-28, 2008

'The International Freedom of Information Index – a watchdog of transparency in practice', World Journalism Education Congress, Singapore, June 26-28, 2007.

'Freedom of Information as a Journalistic Tool – a study of contrasting cultures', Journalism Education Association Conference, December 4-8, Perth, 2002.

'Freedom of Information and Journalistic Content in Western Australia and Sweden', co-authored with Alec McHoul, The Public Right to Know conference, 12-16 September, 2002, University of Technology Sydney.

Non-refereed

'The (in) Visible Contract – Certifying Quality in Journalism', Journalism Education Association conference, Perth, Nov 30 – Dec 2, 2009

'The Global Environmental Journalism Initiative' Journalism Education Association, December 3-8, 2008, Wollongong University.

'Freedom of Information Banana Republics and the Freedom of Information Index', Journalism Education Association, 29 November – 2 December, 2005, Griffith University.

Other Publications

'Government secrecy provided fertile ground for Wikileaks', *The Age*, December 20, 2010, p. 13. Online version in *National Times*, www.theage.com.au/nationaltimes.

'Getting information in WA proves a debacle', opinion piece, *The West Australian*, December 15, 2009

'Bush fires in Victoria' – Summary report for Swedish Broadcasting Corporation Current Affairs, February 9, 2009.

'Media reporting of global credit crisis', *Murdoch News*, September 24, 2008.

'Yes Minister, society needs FOI', *The West Australian*, opinion piece, November 22, 2007.

'Pulling the Plug on FOI', *New Matilda* (on-line Australian magazine covering politics and current affairs), 28 November, 2006

'FOI as a journalistic tool', Scoop (Australian Journalism Association, WA, Magazine), 2005

Community impact of research (citations and interviews in media and in reports)

'Expanded shield laws are fair, but problems remain for journos', Crikey, March 25, 2011, <http://www.crikey.com.au/2011/03/25/expanded-shield-laws-are-fair-but-problems-remain-for-journos/>

'Rights groups condemn SA internet law', *The West Australian*, February 4, 2010, p 12

'Information access in WA', Interview for the 'Nightline' program on Perth radio station 6PR, January 19, 2010

'State FOI charges 'too costly'', *The West Australian*, January 21, 2009

'Court ruling strengthens case for media shield laws', *The West Australian*, November 11, 2008.

'FOI and the Haneef case', *World View*, SBS Radio, October 16, 2008.

'No need to know cause of gas blast: Logan', *The West Australian*, August 27, 2008.

'Minister keeps key gas crisis evidence secret', *The West Australian*, August 26, 2008.

'Seven months on, public sector still favours secrecy over disclosure', *The West Australian*, June 30, 2008.

'WA plans for new freedom laws dated', *The West Australian*, June 12, 2008.

'Spin fears as health workers are told to report "sensitive" FOI bids', *The West Australian*, comments on Health department FOI directives , June 5, 2008.

ABC, 720, Perth, Morning Show – discussion panel on FOI in WA with Acting WA FOI Commissioner, John Lightowler and Keryn McKinnon, FOI Editor, *The West Australian*, June 3, 2008.

Interview on Twin Cities FM, Perth, Drive program on FOI, October 30, 2007.

Interview on 6PR, Perth, Breakfast program on FOI changes, October 30, 2007.

'Acting FOI chief refuses to speak of role in public', *The West Australian*, by Keryn McKinnon, comments on changes/amendments to WA FOI Act, October 30, 2007.

'The baby deaths they want kept quiet', *The West Australian*, by Keryn McKinnon, provided comment on FOI process and appeal, 6 December 2006.

'Lucky Country comes last', www.smh.com.au/foi (Sydney Morning Herald's FOI blog), article by Matthew Moore, SMH FOI editor, October 20, 2006. The article had 30 000 hits. 'Extremely high' for an article published on a Sunday according to SMH IT team.

'Denying the Public's right to know', report by Michal Alhadeff, prepared for Kelvin Thompson, Shadow Minister for Public Accountability, October 2006.

'Good leaks, Bad Leaks', *New Matilda*, by Denise Leith, 20 September, 2006.

'FOI – Sigh', ABC Television *Media Watch*, research quoted, 11 September, 2006.

'Court ruling puts pressure on FOI Act', *The West Australian*, by Keryn McKinnon, provided comment on High Court ruling on federal FOI case, 7 September, 2006.

'Poor, poor pitiful Oz', *The Age* newspaper, by Richard Neville, research cited in opinion piece, September 2006.

'Svart for journalister efter terrordaden' (hard for journalist after the September 11), *Nya Wermlands tidningen* (Swedish Daily newspaper), by Kristina Ohlsson, extended interview regarding FOI research, 3 May, 2006.

'Whistleblowing and the media: transparency the greatest casualty', *Webdiary*, research quoted, 16 September, 2005.

Offentlighetsprincipen i Australien och Sverige (FOI in Australia and Sweden), *Swedish Broadcasting corporation*, interview on FOI research, March 2004.

'Tangled in a legal web', *Media Report*, ABC, interview on FOI research, 12 December, 2002.

'The privacy bar', *The Australian*, by Stephen Brook, research quoted, December 20 2001.

Invited presentations

'FOI – friend of foe?' invited presentation to the Swan District Rotary Club, Western Australia, May 21, 2010

'Online Territories – Globalization, Mediated Practice and Social Space', an international symposium May 7-8, 2009, at Karlstad University, Sweden. Invited as discussant to lead a session on 'Everyday intersection'.

'The FOI Index – where to next?' Research seminar to staff and post graduate students at the Media and Communication faculty at Mid Sweden University, Sundsvall, Sweden, March 5, 2009.

Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi. Invitation to International Seminar: 'Contours of Media Governance', December 8-10, 2008.

'The FOI Index', to the editorial staff of Sveriges Radio Värmland, July 2006.

'FOI in Australia and Sweden', Varmlands Journalist Förening (a regional chapter of the Swedish Journalism Union), March 2004.

'FOI in Western Australia and Sweden', to the editorial staff of Sveriges Radio Värmland (a regional public broadcasting radio station), July 2001.

'FOI in Western Australia and Sweden', to the editorial staff of *Nya Wermlands Tidningen* (a Swedish daily news paper), June 2001.

ADVISORY

- 2011 Invited to comment on the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner paper: 'Towards an Australian Government Information Policy' by the Australian Information Commissioner, Prof John McMillan
- 2010 Invited to submit comments on the functionality of the Western Australian FOI Act as part of the Information Commissioner's review
- 2010 Called as witness in the Senate hearing on the FOI reform bills
- 2010 Invited to submit comments on the reform Freedom of Information Bills to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
- 2009 The Australian Parliamentary Conference. Invited to the panel: *I'm logging on: The Media Revolution*. The conference had participants from all state and federal legislatures
- 2009 'Future of Journalism', invited to moderate one of the panel discussions on this event co-arranged in Perth by the Media and Entertainment Alliance and ABC Perth, August 21
- 2008 Consulted by the Office of Special Minister for State, Senator John Faulkner, on changes and amendments to the Federal Freedom of Information legislation
- 2008 Asked to contribute to the Australian Press Council's annual 'State of the media' report
- 2008 Invited to partake in UNESCO organised meeting in Paris, France: 'Freedom of Information and Sustainable Development
- 2007 Invited submission to on Freedom of Information to the Australian Right to Know Coalition report on FOI
- 2007-- Expert adviser on Freedom of Information to Civil Liberties Australia

GRANTS

- 2008 \$510 000 - Global Environmental Journalism Initiative, GEJI, funding from the European Union, Australian Cooperation in Higher

Education and the Department of Education, Employment and
Workplace Relations (Australia)

- 2008 \$11 500 - Research Excellence Grants Scheme, Murdoch University.
Cybersafety project. Collaboration with Amanda Third, Ingrid
Richardson and Jon Watts
- 2007 \$4000 - Research Excellence Grants Scheme, Murdoch University, to
build the international collaborative framework for the
International Freedom of Information Index

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2007-- Program Chair Journalism, Murdoch University
- 2008 Member Academic Council, Murdoch University

MAJOR PRODUCTIONS

- 2006 THREE YEARS OF PRIVATE HEALTH – WHAT’S THE OUTCOME?
Swedish Broadcasting Corporation
- 2006 THE DEMOGRAPHIC BOMB PART I, Swedish Broadcasting
Corporation
- 2006 THE DEMOGRAPHIC BOMB PART II – THE WORKERS MARKET?
Swedish Broadcasting Corporation (this and the two radio documentaries
above were broadcast in the lead-up to the general Swedish election in 2006. I was
contracted in as a Senior Political Reporter to produce them)
- 2000 ECOLOGICAL LIVING GOES MAINSTREAM – ECOLOGICAL
VILLAGES IN SWEDEN. Earthbeat, Radio National, ABC.
- 1998 AUSTRALIA AT THE CROSSROADS – THE FEDERAL ELECTION
1998. Swedish Broadcasting Corporation
- 1996 TO UNDERSTAND WHAT CAN'T BE UNDERSTOOD - radio
documentary on Swedish High School students visiting
Auschwitz. Swedish Broadcasting Corporation
- 1995 OPALS - radio documentary on passion in Coober Pedy, Australia.
Swedish Broadcasting Corporation
- 1993 CHRONICLE of events 1993. Swedish Television Corporation.

1991 CHRONICLE of events 1991. Swedish Broadcasting Corporation.

1990 THE ICE ROAD - radio documentary on Arctic transport during the Second World War. YLE – Finish Public Service Radio.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2007 Invited by Media, Entertainment and Arts Allience, Western Australian Branch to judge entries in the WA Media Awards

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AWARDS

Nobel Peace Prize, 1988 (The Peace Prize was awarded collectively to everyone that had served in United Nations peacekeeping missions between 1948 to 1988)

Nominated for the Vice Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2008 Murdoch University